

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a Preliminary Amendment and RCE filed May 12, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-24.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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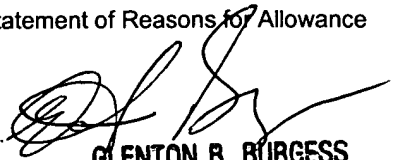
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 05/22/2005.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the unlabeled boxes of figures 2 and 3 should be provided with descriptive text.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 13-24 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's invention is drawn to a system for providing file transfer between a remote server and a local server. To accomplish the above function according to the present invention, there is provided a system and method for providing an associated user with access to a file via plurality of local servers that is necessary when a user is temporarily connected to a local server different from a remote home server to which the user is usually connected.

Applicant's independent claims 13 and 19 each recite, *inter alia*, a system and method for receiving a first request for a file from the associated user via a first local server of a plurality of local servers comprising; storing a remotely logged table; identifying a second local server of the plurality of local servers utilizing data of an entry corresponding to the file within the remotely logged table; providing the file to the user via the first local server in response to an identification of the second local server, wherein the means for providing comprises means for issuing a second request for the file to the second local server, means for receiving a response to the second request from the second local server, and means for deleting the data of the entry

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corresponding to the file within the remotely logged client table in response to a provision of the file to the user. These steps, in combination with the remaining steps of claims 13 and 19 are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

4. The closest prior art:

Shannon U.S. Patent No 5,852,713 discloses a computer file backup method that provides for backing up and periodically updating information on personal computers with the server computer located in a remote geographical location, the computers being connected by a network system. Shannon discloses means to transmit from a client computer and to receive and store in the storage of the server computer, the added or modified client data files, and to remove the deleted client data files to provide a stored, revised, updated, client logical disk image in the server storage means. Shannon does not disclose means for deleting an entry corresponding to the file within the remotely logged client table in response to a provision of the file to the user.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Flynn whose telephone number is 571-272-3954. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

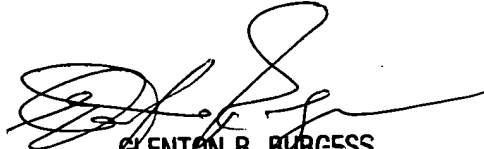
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 703-305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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